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SUBJ: AMCIT INDUCTED INTO YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE:

REF: A) STATUS REPORT BELGRADE 1810 B) BELGRADE 2086

1. CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG INTERESTED.
2. AZIMI ZHUTA CAME TO THE EMBASSY JUNE 17. HE HAD REFUSED TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE ON APRIL 20 BECAUSE OF NEED TO SETTLE PERSONAL AFFAIRS, BUT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED CALL-UP NOTICE FOR JULY 10. HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A BASE AT KUMANOVO AND HIS MAILING ADDRESS WILL BE VP 8440, KUMANOVO, YUGOSLAVIA. HE EXPECTS TO SERVE ABOUT TWELVE MONTHS.
3. ZHUTA LEFT YUGOSLAVIA IN 1968 AND IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A POLITICAL REFUGEE VIA ITALY. HE VISITED YUGOSLAVIA FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS IN 1972 OR 1973 WITHOUT INCIDENT. IN 1974 HE OBTAINED A VISA (PRESUMABLY TOURIST) FROM THE YUGOSLAV CONSULATE IN NEW YORK AND RETURNED FOR ANOTHER VISIT ON DECEMBER 5, 1974. HE GOT MARRIED HERE, AND JUST BEFORE HIS PLANNED DEPARTURE, HIS PASSPORT WAS SEIZED ON MARCH 25.
4. CONOFF EXPRESSED REGRET THAT EMBASSY UNABLE TO PREVENT HIS INDUCTION SINCE UNDER YUGOSLAV LAW HE IS A YUGOSLAV AS WELL AS AMERICAN CITIZEN AND HE STAYED LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS ALLOWED

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TOURISTS. HE WAS CONCERNED OVER HIS ABILITY TO RETURN TO THE

UNITED STATES AFTER MILITARY SERVICE, AND THE CONOFF REASSURED HIM
THAT HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND RIGHT TO RETURN WOULD BE UNAFFECTED.

5. GOY HAS NOT REPLIED TO EMBASSY REQUEST OF APRIL 14 FOR
ZHUTA'S AMERICAN PASSPORT, AND EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP.
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